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At Darien Seafood Market to shed light on a new law designed to curtail the use of pesticides that have impacted lobstermen in the state.

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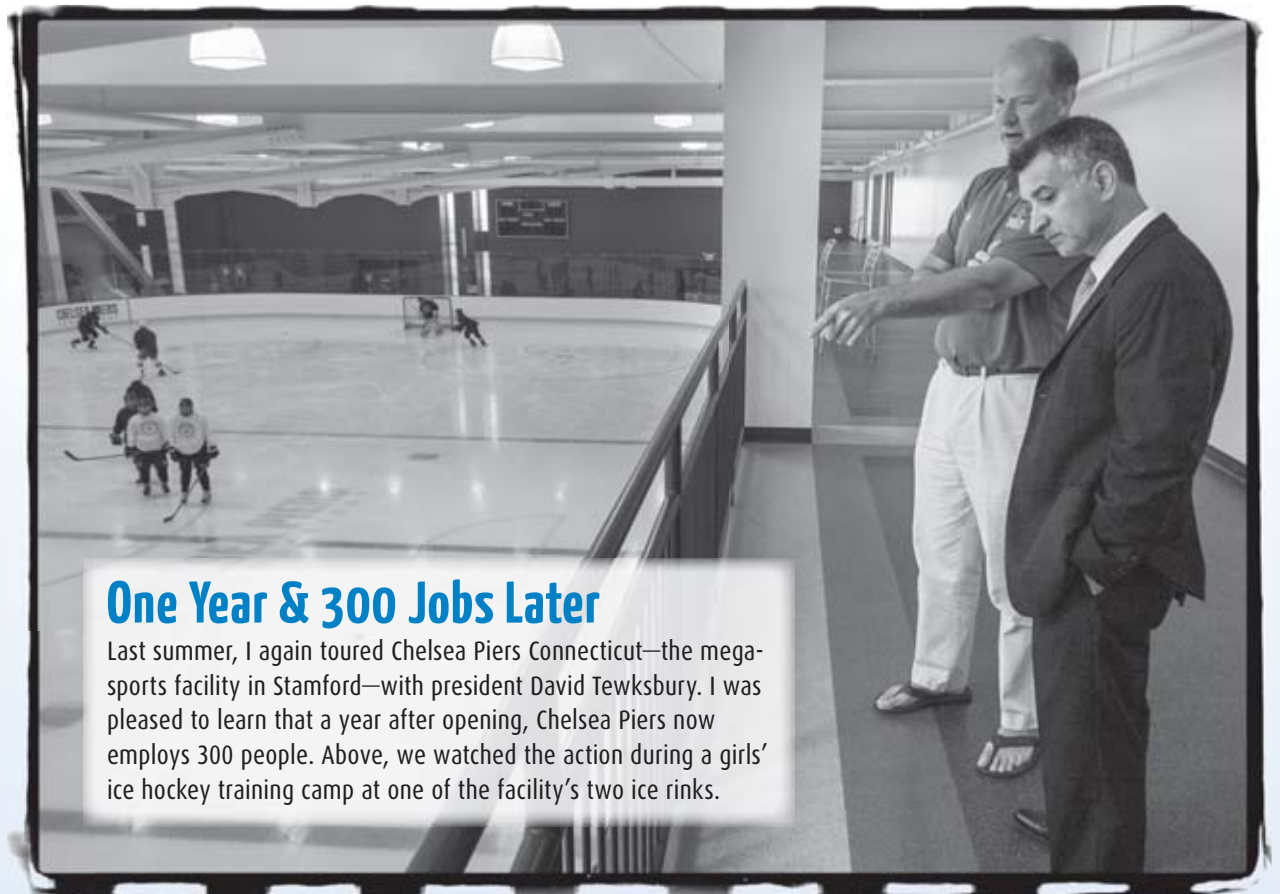
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One Year & 300 Jobs Later

Last summer, I again toured Chelsea Piers Connecticut—the mega-sports facility in Stamford—with president David Tewksbury. I was pleased to learn that a year after opening, Chelsea Piers now employs 300 people. Above, we watched the action during a girls' ice hockey training camp at one of the facility's two ice rinks.



Honoring Our Local Heroes

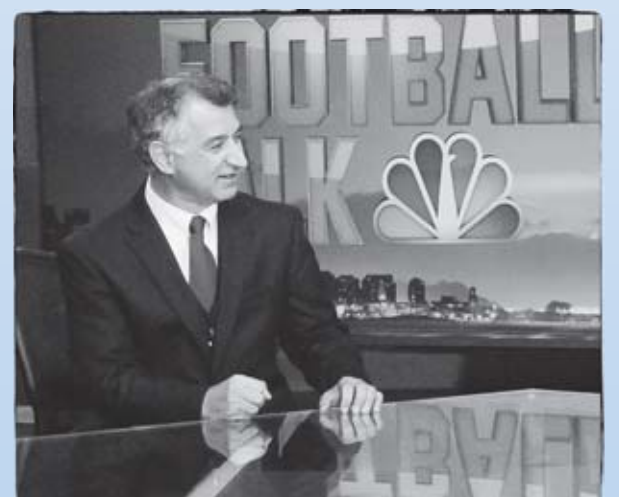
Stamford has been honored with countless hometown heroes over the years who have done the city proud by serving with distinction in our armed forces, or going above and beyond to provide for the needs of their fellow citizens. This year, I worked to establish memorials to some of these heroes by permanently renaming sections of our city streets in their honor. Route 137 from Route 1 to Broad Street has been renamed in memory of fallen U.S. Navy SEAL Brian R. Bill. The same road, from West Broad Street north to High Ridge Road, is now the "Master Sergeant Homer L. Wise WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Highway," and the bridge that carries Blachley Road over I-95 will be dedicated to the memory of beloved teacher Leslie A. Padilla.

Expanding UConn Stamford

Stamford has never had a residential college to call its own, but that will soon change with the addition of student housing to the University of Connecticut's Stamford Campus. The expansion comes as part of Governor Malloy's Next Generation Connecticut initiative, which will also increase campus enrollment by 110 percent, introduce new degree programs in the highly sought-after careers of risk management and digital media, and hire 35 new faculty members. I am proud to support this plan to grow the university, Stamford and our local economy in new and exciting ways.

Bringing NBC Sports to Stamford

I was honored to join Governor Malloy to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new NBC Sports headquarters at the site of the former Clairol factory. With financial assistance through the state's First Five program, the company will soon fulfill its commitment to bring 450 new jobs to Stamford.



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Update from SENATOR **Carlo Leone**

Committed to Economic Recovery

At the beginning of the global economic recession, Connecticut economists predicted a very slow recovery. At the State Capitol, we took action. During the last three legislative sessions and the 2011 October Special Session on Jobs, we passed historic, bipartisan, job-creating bills.

We launched and then expanded programs to help thousands of small and medium-size businesses. For example, the **STEP-Up** and **Small Business Express** programs—which so far have assisted nearly 850 firms to create or preserve almost 12,000 jobs—offer job-training support for veterans and the unemployed and low-interest loans and state grants for small businesses.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we have created more than 41,000 private-sector jobs since 2011.

Resources to Grow Jobs

- **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress, or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or Michelle.Peters@ct.gov.
- **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: www.stepct.com
- **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- **Job & Career ConnecTion** for details on job and training programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org

To learn more about job growth in Connecticut, visit:
www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



Support for Local Businesses

Locally, many businesses in the communities I represent are utilizing important programs like STEP-Up and Small Business Express to preserve and create jobs.

Blue Wave Enterprises • Clare Hair Darien • Darien Auto Specialists • Polymer Resources LTD
Barkers Enterprise • Mrs. Bees Learn & Play • R&W Staffing • Southfield Warehousing
Just A Helping Hand • Mommy's Daycare • J.C. Long & Associates • Connecticut Ballet
Edgewood Academy • Stamford Insurance Group • Eastern Land Management • Liveclips
Netology • Women's Business Development Council • Better Lists • Liquifix • Maxx Menu
Half Full Brewery (shown at left) • Personally Cool • True North Capital Partners • Landmark Print
Center for Social Enrichment Educational Development • The Seed Center • Janus Software
La Jolie Femme • Master Goldsmith • Mrs. Bee's Learning Center • Operations • Hub Industries
Corporate Wellness • Mark My Media • Outfox Solutions • Slideffects Corporation
Just Cats Veterinary Hospital • Business Council of Fairfield County • Creative Benefit Planning
The Independent Service Companies • Horizons East • Printing & Graphic Emporium
U.S. Computer Connection • Stamford Toys • Brain Parade • Identification Products
Relevance Partners • The Floor Covering Warehouse • Sensational Achievements

Children's Mental Health

Following the Newtown tragedy, Democrats and Republicans came together to improve Connecticut's mental health care system, with a particular focus on the well-being of children.

The new law implements a strong, comprehensive, integrated system of care. It identifies strategies for reducing the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues on children. It promotes early identification and intervention, and ensures access to developmentally appropriate services to help treat children earlier. It also created a Children's Mental Health Task Force to study the effects of nutrition, genetics and medication on our youngsters.



Stamping Out Price Gouging



In light of recent severe hurricanes and historic snowstorms that have battered Connecticut, members of the public have been vulnerable to price gouging by shady service providers for snow removal, flood abatement, roof raking and lodging. That is why we expanded consumer protections by prohibiting price gouging for services that are essential for the health, safety and welfare of consumers in the aftermath of severe storms. This will be a deterrent to exploitative business owners and will protect consumers from predatory practices.

For more information about how to report price gougers, contact the **Department of Consumer Protection** at 860-713-6300 or visit www.ct.gov/dcp.